

FIRE AT HAYOC.

Two Scenes of Destruction in the Early Morning.

Panic and Hair-Breadth Escapes in a Fine Flat House.

Allen Wardwell and His Daughter Nearly Suffocated.

A Factory Stored with Combustibles Burned to the Ground.

Fire caused destruction and fright in two parts of the city this morning.

At 9 o'clock the girl Nora, in the basement of the four-story brown-stone flat at 102 West Fifty-fourth street, owned by James Alinworth, was awakened by the smell of smoke. She got up, went out into the hall and saw smoke and flames coming up the staircase.

She yelled "Fire!" and then with remarkable presence of mind rushed back to her bed and covered herself up with the clothes. She had to be dragged out by the firemen.

Mr. Allen Wardwell, brother of the late prohibition candidate, lives on the second floor with his daughter. They were both awakened by the smoke and rushed to call each other.

The lower half of the staircase was wrapped in flames, but Miss Wardwell threw a cushion and a chair over the railing and jumped down.

The top floor was occupied by Policemen James G. Howe, his wife and two sons. They escaped on to the roof, as the flames and smoke made the lower floors of the house impassable.

Mr. Wardwell made a big jump through the smoke and flames and they escaped.

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The servant girl of the Wardwells, who was in a small room on the second floor in the rear of the house, was in great danger, as she could not make her way out of the smoke and flames.

She was rescued by the firemen, who cut her out of the burning building.

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STANDS UNDERWAY

Carpenters Close Up Favorite Routes of Travel.

The Historical Portrait Exhibition Opened to the Press To-Day.

Mr. McAllister Rather Vaguely Inquires Who Mr. Gerry Is.

There is rejoicing to-day among the masses.

Thanks to the efforts of Mayor Grant, who has come nobly forward in the interests of the people, and to the decision of the Army Committee, who have changed the route of the military parade so as to encircle Union Square, it looks as if every one were going to get a chance to see something at least of the famous Centennial procession.

The Board of Aldermen has already begun to be flooded with applications for private stands, and if they grant half of them the sidewalks along the line of march will soon be difficult if not dangerous for pedestrians to navigate.

The carpenters have already closed up many of the favorite routes of travel in the vicinity of Washington and Madison squares, where the big yellow plank structures are now being erected.

One day in breadth and height, making the most fashionable quarter of Madison Square resemble a half-acre section of the Polo Ground blackness.

The ground has already been surveyed at Reservoir Park, near Forty-second street, where the work will soon begin, and the Union Square hotel men are prospecting in that neighborhood for the erection of the biggest grand stand.

Fifth avenue and Broadway will, it is thought, before the day of the parade present almost a solid wall of yellow plank.

Mr. Henry E. Howard, of this city, writes that the nearest relative of Washington and recognized as such by Virginia is a great-grandson of George Washington, the father of the nation.

Mr. John M. Cadeva, Claymore, Del., writes that she is a great-granddaughter of Gen. Washington.

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table, a large, simple mahogany affair, quite elegant.

The Committee have labored to get together the most interesting souvenirs they could of Washington and the children show with what success. In the words of the motto on Washington's own coat-of-arms, *Exigit acta proelii*, nearly every body contributed upon whom the committee called, and the exhibition is a very satisfactory one.

On the subject of PRESIDENT HARRISON, in accordance with the direct request of President Harrison, the arrangements for the trip from Washington to Elizabethport, by the material changed. The Presidential train will be in readiness at 9 o'clock Sunday night, April 28, when the party will go aboard. It will not start till after midnight, and will arrive at Elizabethport about 7 o'clock Monday morning. Here the President and a few of his company will take breakfast at the Hotel New Jersey, and then be ready to embark at the landing at Elizabethport at 10 o'clock.

The train will consist of the President's special car and four sleepers, and will accommodate about sixty persons.

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She Awards the Double Gold Eagle to "H."

And "H." Is Mr. J. Hammond, of Parkville, L. I.

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I have decided to award THE EVENING WORLD prize for the best description of the typical American girl to the writer of the following:

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